

In the Specification

At page 9, line 24, delete --Figure 3b-- and insert "Figure 3C".

In the Claims

1. (Twice Amended) In a computer system having (i) a working memory in which application programs are executed, and (ii) an operating system including a file manager for managing files of application programs executed in the working memory, file and file image preview apparatus comprising:

an extension coupled to the operating system in a manner such that the extension is entirely integrated with the operating system, the extension enabling user selection of a desired file and in response to user selection of the desired file, the extension enabling display of an indication of internal file characteristics of the desired file by opening the desired file in a manner free of opening an application program in working memory and hence external to application programs in the working memory, and in a manner free of decoding the indication of internal file characteristics from a filename of the desired file; and

a display assembly responsive to the extension for displaying the indication of internal file characteristics of the user-selected desired file by opening the desired file in a manner free of opening an application program in working memory, and in a manner free of decoding the indication of internal file characteristics from a filename of the desired file, such that a preview of the user-selected desired file is provided.

7. (Twice Amended) In a computer system having (i) an operating system and (ii) a working memory for executing application programs, file and file image previewing apparatus comprising:

a file manager coupled to the operating system, the file manager (a) managing files generated by application programs executed in the working memory and (b) enabling display of indicia of internal file characteristics of a user-selected file by opening the desired file, said file manager being coupled to the operating system in a manner such that said display of indicia of internal file characteristics is generated outside of an application program opened and running in the working memory and hence external

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to application programs in the working memory, and in a manner free of decoding the indication of internal file characteristics from a filename of the desired file; and
a display assembly responsive to the file manager for displaying indicia of internal file characteristics of the user-selected file by opening the desired file, outside of an application program opened and running in working memory, and in a manner free of decoding the indication of internal file characteristics from a filename of the desired file, said display assembly thus providing a preview of the user-selected file.

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12. (Twice Amended) In a computer system, a method of displaying internal file characteristics including images of a user-selected file, to provide a preview of the file, comprising the steps of:
providing a working memory for executing application programs;
executing application programs in said working memory in response to user command, said execution of the application program generating files of the computer system;
providing operating system means for enabling display of indications of internal file characteristics of a file selected by a user by opening the file, the operating system means enabling display of internal file characteristics outside of an application program opened and running in the working memory; and
in a manner free of opening and running an application program in the working memory, and in a manner free of decoding the indication of internal file characteristics from a filename of the desired file, displaying the indications of internal file characteristics of a user-selected file, in response to user command for previewing that file.

REMARKS

Applicants' wish to thank the examiner for his time and effort in conducting the telephone interview on December 13, 1999. The proposed claims amendments are believed to comply with the examiner's request to distinguish the claims over the cited prior art.

Claims 1, 7 and 12 have been modified to clarify claims of the present invention. Specifically, the phrase "by opening the file" as been added to clarify that the internal file